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1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTEL B MISOFF WHO HAD BEEN IN CONTINUING COMMUNICATION WITH CLARK, ASCERTAINED THAT CLARK WILL BE STAYING IN NEW YORK AFTER HIS GA ASSIGNMENT WND WILL ONLY RETURN TO GENEVA TO SETTLE HIS PERSONAL AFFAIRS, REPORTING TO TOKYO FEBRUARY 15 FOR AN OVERLAP PERIOD WITH DAVID EXLEY, PRESENT DIRECT OF UN INFORMATION CENTER. AT SAME TIME MISOFF ASCERTAINED THAT BOURBONNIERE HAD DEPARTED NEW YORK FOR GENEVA (PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTEL B).

2. LABOUISSSE'S CONCURRENCE IN CLARK'S APPOINTMENT WAS OBTAINED, AND ONLY REMAINING FORMALITY APPEARS TO BE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN APPROVAL OF CLARK.

3. AT AKATANI'S SUGGESTION, MISOFF, DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF CLARK REPLACEMENT WITH REGINALD BRUCE (US), OPI EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THEY EXPRESSED OUR STRONG FEELING US SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE REPRESENTED IN SENIOR OPI GENEVA POST AND PREFERABLY AS CHIEF OF PRESS SECTION, AS WELL AS US OBJECTION TO REPORTED POSSIBILITY OF THREE SOVIETS IN OPI GENEVA, AND US INTENTION
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TO SUGGEST EXTERNAL CANDIDATES IF BOURGONNIERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE INTERNAL US CANDIDATES ALREADY IN OPI.

4. BRUCE WAS NOT AWARE OF RUSSIAN CANDIDATE OR OF SOVIET PRESSURES AND WONDERED IF CANDIDATE IS INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL. CAN MISSION GENEVA IDENTIFY HIM NOW THAT BOURGONNIERE

IS PROBABLY BACK IN GENEVA? LATTER DID NOT DISCUSS SOVIET CANDIDACY IN NEW YORK. BRUCE CONFIRMED THAT BOURBONNIERE PLANS A TRIP TO RUSSIA TOGETHER WITH LEON MAZAIRAC (NETHERLANDS) DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INFORMATION.

5. WHEN MISOFF RAISED QUESTION OF TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLARK'S SUCCESSION, BRUCE SAID CLARK'S POST GOING WITH HIM TO TOKYO AND NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL COMPLETION OF OVERLAP PERIOD WITH EXLEY.

6. BRUCE SAID HE WOULD CONVEY OUR CONCERNS ABOUT CLARK'S REPLACEMENT TO AKATANI IMMEDIATELY. MISSION WILL FOLLOW UP ON MATTER AS NECESSARY WITH UN SECRETARIAT, ESPECIALLY OPI.

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